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1. CONCERNED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR
BEST TO WRAP UP THE P.L. 480 AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
AS YOU KNOW, WE HAD HOPED TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT BEFORE
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THE NEW YEAR. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE MISSION'S PROBLEMS
OF HAVING TO EXPLAIN DELAYS TO A BDG WHICH IS ALREADY
SOMEWHAT PUZZLED AS TO OUR INTENTIONS.

2. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE ONLY ISSUE WHICH STILL
REMAINS UNSETTLED CONCERNS COTTON EXPORTS. THE HISTORY
OF OUR DISCUSSIONS ON COTTON TEXTILE MATTERS TO DATE CAN

BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) AS REQUESTED BY COUNTRY TEAM, WE ELIMINATED U.S. PORTION OF THE COTTON USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT (UMR);
- (2) WE ALSO OFFERED A GENEROUS PERMISSABLE EXPORT LEVEL, BASED ON STATISTICAL DATA TO BE PROVIDED BY BDG IN MEASURABLE UNITS;
- (3) COUNTRY TEAM ADVISED THAT DATA NOT AVAILABLE IN QUANTITATIVE UNIT AS NEEDED AND ASKED THAT IT BE DROPPED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION;
- (4) WASHINGTON ACCEPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION AND ADVISED YOU THAT EXPORT OF CERTAIN COTTON PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SOME TEXTILES, AND COTTON WASTE COULD BE EXPORTED WITHOUT RESTRICTION;
- (5) BDG HAS STATED THAT COTTON EXPORT LIMITATION PROVISIONS UNACCEPTABLE AND COUNTRY TEAM HAS REQUESTED THAT IT NOT BE APPLIED TO BANGLADESH (REF B).

3. AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY, WE CANNOT WAIVE EXPORT LIMITATION PROVISIONS. HOWEVER, COUNTRY TEAM HAS NOTED THAT BDG WILL IMPORT LARGE QUANTITIES OF COTTON IN EXCESS OF USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT. THEREFORE, WHILE RETAIN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING EXPORT LIMITATIONS PER PARA 10, ITEM IV (B), OF STATE 278197, WE ARE PREPARED TO STATE IN AGREED MINUTES THAT "SHOULD BDG EXPORT COTTON, COTTON TEXTILES, AND COTTON PRODUCTS, ANY SUCH EXPORTS WILL BE OFFSET BY COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF COTTON FROM THE U.S. IN ADDITION TO IMPORTS REQUIRED TO MEET THE USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENTS, SUCH COTTON IMPORTS SHOULD EQUAL OR EXCEED THE COTTON CONTENT EQUIVALENT OF THE EXPORTS OF COTTON, COTTON PRODUCTS AND COTTON TEXTILES. IN ADDITION BDG AGREES TO SUPPLY USG EXPORT DATA FOR SUCH PRODUCTS BY KIND OF PRODUCT IN MEASURABLE QUANTITATIVE UNITS." COUNTRY TEAM SHOULD REFER TO REF D.

4. REFTTEL (A)(VI) ITEM 9 SHOULD HAVE STATED THAT FOLLOWING QUOTE AFTER CONTRACTING UNDER EACH PA IS CONCLUDED, AND UNQUOTE INSERT QUOTE NOT LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO VESSEL'S PRESENTATION FOR LOADING. UNQUOTE.

5. THIS CONFIRMS PARA 4, REF A THAT YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AFTER PROVIDING WASHINGTON WITH 36 HOURS PRIOR NOTICE. DECONTROL ON SIGNING. VANCE

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